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S. Ordered immediately messaged.

ASSEMBLY BILL 122 (LRB -1472)

An Act to create 49.45 (3) (m) of the statutes; relating to: Medical Assistance reimbursement for transportation by specialized medical vehicle. (FE) 2005

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05-17.	A.	Introduced by Representatives Friske, Ainsworth, Hundertmark, Kerkman, Gunderson, Albers,	
		Vos, Hines, Mursau, Hahn, Musser and Ballweg; cosponsored by Senators Roessler, Grothman and	
		Breske.	
02-22.	A.	Read first time and referred to committee on Health	86
04-06.	A.	Fiscal estimate received.	
04-26.	A.	Public hearing held.	
05-03.	A.	Executive action taken.	
05-17.	A.	Report passage recommended by committee on Health, Ayes 12, Noes 0	
05-17.	A.	Referred to committee on Rules	245
12-06.	A.	Placed on calendar 12-13-2005 by committee on Rules.	
12-06.	A.	Made a special order of business at 9:03 A.M. on 12-13-2005 pursuant to Assembly Resolution 43	653
12-13.	A.	Read a second time	667
12-13.	A.	Ordered to a third reading	667
12-13.	Α.	Rules suspended	667
12-13.	A.	Read a third time and passed	
12-13.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	667
12-15.	S.	Received from Assembly	500
12-15.	S.	Read first time and referred to committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care	500
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01-12.	S.	Public hearing held.	
02-08.	S.	Executive action taken.	
02-09.	S.	Report concurrence recommended by committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term	
		Care, Ayes 5, Noes 0	590
02-09.	S.	Available for scheduling.	
03-01.	S.	Placed on calendar 3-2-2006 by committee on Senate Organization.	
03-02.	S.	Senator Stepp added as a cosponsor.	
03-02.	S.	Read a second time.	
03-02.	S.	Ordered to a third reading.	
03-02.	S.	Rules suspended.	
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reimbursement for transportation by specialized medical vehicle.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, transportation by specialized medical vehicle (SMV) to obtain medical care is a benefit under Medical Assistance (MA). The benefit is available to MA recipients who have a chronic physical disability that necessitates use of an aid such as a wheelchair, walker, or crutches, to recipients who have a mental impairment that contraindicates transportation by common carrier, and to recipients who are blind. SMV transportation services must be provided in a vehicle that is equipped to accommodate a wheelchair regardless of whether the MA recipient uses a wheelchair.

This bill eliminates the MA requirement that all SMV transportation services be provided in a vehicle that is equipped to accommodate a wheelchair. The bill requires that, to be certified as an MA provider of SMV transportation services, a provider have at least one vehicle that is equipped to accommodate a wheelchair. If an MA-certified provider uses two or more vehicles to provide SMV transportation services, at least two of the vehicles must be equipped to accommodate a wheelchair and any third or additional vehicle must be a vehicle that can be converted to accommodate a wheelchair. The bill requires MA reimbursement for SMV transportation services provided in a vehicle that is not equipped to accommodate a wheelchair if the person being transported does not use a wheelchair. Finally, the bill requires that the MA reimbursement rate for SMV transportation services provided in a vehicle that is not equipped to accommodate a wheelchair be the same as for services provided in a vehicle that is so equipped.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 49.45 (3) (m) of the statutes is created to read:

49.45 (3) (m) To be certified under sub. (2) (a) 11. to provide transportation by specialized medical vehicle, a person must have at least one human service vehicle, as defined in s. 340.01 (23g), that satisfies the requirements imposed under s. 110.05 for a vehicle that is used to transport a person in a wheelchair. If a certified provider uses 2 or more vehicles to provide transportation by specialized medical vehicle, at least 2 of the vehicles must be human service vehicles that satisfy the requirements imposed under s. 110.05 for a vehicle that is used to transport a person in a wheelchair, and any 3rd or additional vehicle must be a human service vehicle to which the equipment required under s. 110.05 for transporting a person in a wheelchair may be added. The department shall pay for transportation by specialized medical vehicle under s. 49.46 (2) (b) 3. that is provided in a human service vehicle that is not equipped to transport a person in a wheelchair if the person being transported does not use a wheelchair. The reimbursement rate for transportation by specialized medical vehicle provided in a vehicle that is not equipped to accommodate a wheelchair shall be the same as for transportation by specialized medical vehicle provided in a vehicle that is equipped to accommodate a wheelchair.

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